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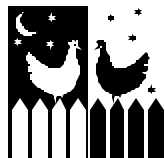
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## NATIONAL BROILER MARKET-AT-A-GLANCE

Trade sentiment was irregular with market conditions strongest in the East where supplies were limited to tight due to reduced holiday schedules, refilling pipelines, and increased cut-up productions; otherwise, market was mostly steady and offerings obtainable. Retail demand was slow to light, best for features. Food service was in a full range, best into fast food. In the parts structure, wings were close balanced to tight of an active call. The remaining items were more than sufficient to handle needs. In production areas, live supplies were moderate with weights ranging desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

**GEORGIA F.O.B. DOCK PRICES** The Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted price on broilers/fryers for next week's trading declined .25 to 62.75 cents based on full truck load lots of ice-packed USDA grade "A" sized 2 1/2 to 3 pound birds. This compares to 61.50 cents last year on the 27th of December 2000.

Georgia f.o.b. dock quoted prices on ice-packed parts for next week's trading.

ITEM	DOCK PRICE (CENTS PER POUND)
LINE RUN TENDERS	182.00
BREASTS - B/S	126.50
BREASTS - WHOLE	56.50
THIGH MEAT - B/S	86.50
LEG QUARTERS	28.00
WINGS	86.50

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**WESTERN** The market tone was about steady. Early trading reported for next week's deliveries centered on regular commitments at generally unchanged prices. Offerings were adequate overall. Demand for parts was generally good and whole body fair, best to cover fast food and scattered store features. Floor stocks in fairly good balance with needs.

**NORTHEAST** Trucklot buying activity on ready-to-cook whole broiler/fryers was seasonally light to fair at best as dealers continued with a cautious posture. Offerings of all sizes were closely balanced with the limited demand. Movement through retail and distributive channels was slow. The market tone was steady to fully steady, instances firm. In the parts complex, breast items were fully sufficient. Legs and leg quarters ranged balanced to adequate. Wings were no more than adequate to tight.

**MIDWEST** Whole fryer market tone was barely steady to occasionally weak. Additional offerings of whole birds and wogs were fully adequate to ample on heavy weight product and in balance on smaller sizes. Retail movement was slow to light with feature activity stimulating some interest. Food service movement was mixed and in a full range. Demand into fast food was fairly good overall. Floor stocks were in balance to more than desired. Weights were generally desirable. Parts trading remained limited and selective with wings the best call. Supplies of wings varied, but mostly in balance, dark meat items sufficient and breast items burdensome. The market tone was fully steady to firm on wings, steady on leg quarters and barely steady to weak on breast items.

**SOUTHERN** Trade sentiment was mostly steady. Demand was light to moderate, best for ads and fast food promotions. Supplies were sufficient to at times close balanced due to reduced holiday schedules limiting availability. In the parts structure, wings were close to tight with increased interest. Breast items attempted to move into a better position with planned features, and dark meat was at least adequate. In production areas, live supplies were moderate. Weights were desirable to heavy, mostly desirable.

## CHICK PLACEMENT AND EGG SET TOTAL

15 STATES	PERCENT CHANGE		
WEEK ENDING 12/22/01	2001	2000	PREVIOUS YEAR
EGGS SET	186,251	179,487	+04
CHICKS PLACED	151,859	144,082	+05
19 STATES			
EGGS SET	206,609	-	-
CHICKS PLACED	169,030	-	-

## BROILER EGGS SET IN 15 SELECTED STATES UP 4 PERCENT

Commercial hatcheries in the 15-State weekly program set 186 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 22, 2001. This was up 4 percent from the eggs set the corresponding week a year earlier. Average hatchability for chicks hatched during the week was 82 percent. Average hatchability is calculated by dividing chicks hatched during the week by eggs set three weeks earlier.

## BROILER CHICKS PLACED UP 5 PERCENT

Broiler growers in the 15-State weekly program placed 152 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2001. Placements were up 5 percent from the comparable week in 2000. Cumulative placements from December 31, 2000 through December 22, 2001 were 7.45 billion, up 1 percent from the same period a year earlier.

## Four Additional States in Weekly Program

Beginning May 16, 2001 four additional States were added to the weekly program for broiler eggs set in incubators and broiler chicks placed for meat production. The four additional States are Kentucky, Louisiana, Missouri, and Oklahoma. Data collection and weekly estimates began with the week ending April 7, 2001.

Commercial hatcheries for the 19 States set a total of 207 million eggs in incubators during the week ending December 22, 2001. Broiler growers in the 19 States placed 169 million chicks for meat production during the week ending December 22, 2001.

BASED ON THE PRELIMINARY CHICK PLACEMENTS, THE NUMBER OF FRYERS AVAILABLE FOR MARKETING DURING THE WEEK ENDING 03-Feb-02 IS ESTIMATED AT 154.4 MILLION HEAD. THIS COMPARES TO 152.2 MILLION HEAD THE PREVIOUS WEEK AND TO 152.3 MILLION HEAD THE SAME WEEK A YEAR AGO, WHEN THE SLAUGHTER WAS 158.7 MILLION HEAD AND THE 12-CITY WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE WAS 57.03 CENTS PER POUND.

**SOUTHERN STATES BROILER/FRYER PARTS**

ITEM	(000)	RANGE	MAJORITY	WTD AVG
BREAST - B/S	822	103.00-157.00	122-127	121.61
TENDERLOINS	143	105.00-190.00	110-115	127.24
BREAST - LINE RUN	165	56.00-64.00	59-60	60.85
FRONT HALVES	TOO FEW TO REPORT			
LEGS	88	32.00-48.00	-	33.45
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	396	21.00-27.00	22-23	21.70
LEG QUARTERS (4/10)	1,371	23.00-29.00	25-26	25.21
WINGS (WHOLE)	318	86.00-90.00	87-89	87.18
WINGS (CUT)	432	95.00-109.00	97-100	100.42
DRUMSTICKS	66	44.00-49.00	44-47	44.45
THIGHS	24	46.00-50.00	47-48	47.70
B/S THIGHS	30	84.00-89.00	-	87.33

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WHOLE BODY INDEX BASED ON SOUTHERN STATES PARTS TRADING FOR DECEMBER 27, 2001 — F.O.B. DOCK.

RANGE	TODAY'S AVERAGE
39.50 - 44.50	40.85

The Index is intended solely as an indicator of values for commodity- type product and does not represent industry's willingness to sell or ability to buy.

**NORTHEAST BROILER/FRYER PARTS** Trucklot buying activity was generally fair at best as dealers remained cautious and maintained closely balanced floorstocks. Offerings of breast items were fully sufficient. Dark meat cuts were at least adequate. Increasing interest noted on wings kept product closely cleared to instances tight as buyers assumed product in anticipation of holiday demand. Movement through retail and distributive channels was seasonally light to fair. The market tone was fully steady to instances firm on wings, about steady on the balance. \*PRICES PAID PER POUND, ICE PACKED AND CO2 PACKED BROILER/FRYER PARTS, DELIVERED TO FIRST RECEIVERS IN POOL

TRUCKLOT AND TRUCKLOT QUANTITIES

ITEM	CURRENT NEG TRADING*	WTD AVG**	VOL/LBS
BREAST - B/S	115	117.74	627,880
TENDERLOINS	100	104.81	89,200
BREAST - WITH RIBS	45-46	49.75	245,080
BREAST - LINE RUN	45	46.50	179,960
LEGS	37-38	40.69	258,480
LEG QUARTERS (BULK)	22-23	24.65	487,016
DRUMSTICKS	38-39	41.26	95,820
THIGHS	28-29	35.28	62,490
B/S THIGHS	86-87	86.58	59,720
WINGS (WHOLE)	84-85	92.93	354,680
BACKS AND NECKS (STRIPPED)	10-12	12.40	22,640
LIVERS (5 POUND TUBS)	30-35	36.17	15,920
GIZZARDS (HEARTS)	55-60	58.28	24,480

INCLUDES: NY CITY METRO. AREA, RI, NORTHERN NJ, MA, CT, PA (NORTHEAST OF HARRISBURG).

\* TODAY'S NEGOTIATED SALES AS OF 11:30 A.M.

\*\* WEIGHTED AVERAGE PRICE OF ALL GRADES AND BRANDS OF PRODUCT SHIPPED, OR TO BE SHIPPED AS OF 1:30 P.M.

**ESTIMATED SLAUGHTER OF BROILER-FRYERS (IN THOUSANDS)**

DEC 26	ESTIMATED		ACTUAL		AVG	ACTUAL		AVG
			WTS			WTS		
	12/26	12/25	12/24	12/21	12/24	12/21	12/19	12/17
ALA	3,658	Holiday	(A)	5,416	(A)	4.91	3,970	5.13
ARK	5,369	Holiday	(A)	6,758	(A)	4.58	5,276	5.01
DELMARVA	2,246	Holiday	(A)	3,500	(A)	5.01	2,124	5.27
KY-LA-TN	1,728	Holiday	(A)	2,583	(A)	4.52	1,924	4.55
MISS	2,495	Holiday	(A)	3,435	(A)	4.94	2,289	5.04
NC	2,300	Holiday	(A)	3,260	(A)	6.00	2,374	6.04
TEXAS	2,296	Holiday	(A)	3,497	(A)	4.90	2,372	5.01
TOTAL	20,092	Holiday	1,833	28,449	4.55	4.94	20,329	5.14
MON-WED	21,930(B)						61,501(B)	

(A) Not published to avoid disclosing individual operations

(B) Weekly cumulative for states listed above.

Broiler-fryer slaughter under federal inspection for 26-Dec 01 and is estimated to be 30,060,000 down 1.46 percent from a week ago and up 20.4 percent from a year ago.

(Last week 30,506,000; last year 24,974,000)

**SOUTHERN CALIFORNIA (L.A. AREA) PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RETAILERS**

	RANGE
FRESH FRYERS	84-86
ROASTERS 4# & UP	71-90
HENS UNDER 5#	-
HENS OVER 5#	-
DUCKS	139
RABBITS-WHOLE	-
RABBITS-CUT UP	-

**SAN FRANCISCO PROCESSED POULTRY****DELIVERED TO RESTAURANTS AND INSTITUTIONS**

FRESH FRYERS	ICE PACK	93-94
	DRY PACK	95-102
ROASTERS 4# & UP	ICE PACK	104-113
	DRY PACK	113-123
HENS OVER 5#	DRY PACK	91
	ICE PACK	98
DUCKS		152-166

**ESTIMATED U.S. LIVE POULTRY SLAUGHTER**

UNDER FEDERAL INSPECTION FOR WEEK ENDING 29-Dec-01

	CURRENT WEEK 12/29/01(1)	PREVIOUS WEEK 12/22/01
CLASS	-----THOUSAND HEAD-----	
BRO-FRY	120,054(2)	164,532
LT HENS	1,282	2,117
HVY HENS	847	1,468
TOTAL	122,183	168,117

(1)ESTIMATED

(2)The estimated number of broiler-fryers available for slaughter the week ending 29-Dec-01 is 141.6 million head compared to 117.9 million head slaughtered the same week last year. The estimated U.S. slaughter this week is 120.3 million head or 21.3 million less than estimated available. For week of 05-Jan-02 the estimated available is 144.2 million head.

**CENTRAL MISCELLANEOUS POULTRY RTC HENS**

READY-TO-COOK PRICES NEGOTIATED FOR DELIVERY TO FIRST RECEIVERS, U.S. GRADE A AND PLANT GRADE, 5 LBS. AND UP, FOR WEEK OF DECEMBER 24, 2001

		RANGE
HENS	ICE PACKED (12 PER BOX)	56-60
	VACUUM PACKED (6-9 PER BOX)	60-68

**WEEKLY COLD STORAGE HOLDINGS - SELECTED STGE CENTERS**  
(INCL GOVT STOCKS) (IN THOUSANDS)

	TURKS LBS	POP LBS
AM 24-Dec-01	73,390	79,399
AM 1-Dec-01	69,047	73,444
CHG	4,343	5,955
PCT CHG	6	8

**COLD STORAGE MOVEMENT** (IN THOUSANDS)

	PROCESSED TURKEYS			PROCESSED POULTRY		
	12/24/01	12/17/01	12/25/00	12/24/01	12/17/01	12/25/00
PACIFIC						
COAST	4,832	5,216	5,532	3,008	3,142	6,103
LOS						
ANGELES	175	178	106	1,614	1,559	2,048

**HACKETTSTOWN POULTRY SALES**

FOR 12/27/01

	LO	HI	AVG		LO	HI	AVG
HEAVY FOWL lb.	.35	1.25	.64	HEAVY FOWL ea.	3.00	5.75	-
LIGHT FOWL lb.	-	-	-	LIGHT FOWL ea.	-	-	-
MIXED FOWL lb.	-	-	-	MIXED FOWL ea.	2.50	3.50	-
BANTAMS lb.	-	-	-	BANTAMS ea.	1.25	2.25	-
BROILERS lb.	.40	.50	.46	BROILERS ea.	-	-	-
ROASTERS lb.	.90	1.10	1.00	ROASTERS ea.	-	-	-
FRYERS lb.	-	-	-	FRYERS ea.	-	-	-
CHICKS lb.	-	-	-	CHICKS ea.	-	-	-
PULLETS lb.	-	-	-	PULLETS ea.	-	-	-
BUNNIES lb.	-	-	-	BUNNIES ea.	-	2.25	-
ROOSTERS lb.	.80	1.30	1.09	ROOSTERS ea.	.50	2.00	-
GEESE lb.	-	-	-	GEESE ea.	-	6.00	-
TURKEYS lb.	-	-	-	TURKEYS ea.	-	-	-
DUCKS lb.	.50	.95	.84	DUCKS ea.	-	4.00	-
RABBITS lb.	.70	1.65	1.18	RABBITS ea.	-	-	-
PIGEONS lb.	-	-	-	PIGEONS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA FOWL lb.	-	-	-	GUINEA FOWL ea.	2.25	6.00	-
DUCKLINGS lb.	-	-	-	DUCKLINGS ea.	-	-	-
GUINEA KEETS ea.	-	-	-	CALL DUCKS ea.	-	6.00	-
SILKIES lb.	-	-	-	SILKIES ea.	1.75	2.00	-
GOSLINGS ea.	-	-	-	GUINEA PIGS ea.	.25	.35	-

TOTAL COOPS 85

**MAJOR WHOLESALE MARKETS - Mexico City**

Cents per pound for the week ending December 21, 2001

	Whole Chickens	Breasts	Legs W/ Thighs	Necks, Backs & Wings	Livers/ Gizzards	Hens
RAYON						
Low	54.69	139.21	79.55	19.89	19.89	62.15
High	62.15	149.15	89.49	24.86	24.86	62.15
Mostly	59.66	149.15	89.49	24.86	24.86	62.15

**SAN JUAN**

Low	62.15	129.26	79.55	29.83	19.89	55.68
High	65.63	139.21	94.46	39.77	24.86	55.68
Mostly	64.63	136.72	89.49	34.80	19.89	55.68

**NEW SAN JUAN**

Low	57.17	139.21	79.55	14.92	19.89	59.66
High	61.65	149.15	89.49	24.86	24.86	59.66
Mostly	58.67	139.21	84.52	19.89	24.86	59.66

**BECERRA**

Low	62.15	139.21	79.55	34.80	14.92	52.20
High	64.63	144.18	94.46	39.77	22.37	52.20
Mostly	64.13	139.21	84.52	34.80	17.40	52.20

**DELMARVA** Movement of ready-to-cook whole birds was sufficient in keeping offerings well cleared as recent cuts in production, a need to refill pipelines and increased cut-up operations combined to reduce availability. Live supplies were mostly moderate; weights were mostly desirable to heavy. Processing schedules were moderate to moderately heavy. Less than trucklot asking prices were 1 cent higher at 49 to 63 cents. Trade sentiment was generally firm. In the parts complex, wings were clearing to an active call. Breast cuts were fully adequate to ample. Leg items were at least adequate.

\*BROILER/FRYER CURRENT NEGOTIATED PRICES FOR IMMEDIATE DELIVERY INCLUDES MOSTLY MULTIPLE-DROP SHIPMENTS OF BRANDED AND WING TAGGED TO NEW YORK CITY FROM DELMARVA

**BRANDED  
U.S. GRADE A**

RANGE	45-65
WEIGHTED AVERAGE	50.81
NO. OF BOXES	10,419

\*8 of 8 plants reporting.

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